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	09/489,143	BAER ET AL.	
	Examiner ADAM M. QUELER	Art Unit 2177	
<p>-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--</p> <p>All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.</p>			
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<p>/ADAM M QUELER/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2177</p>			

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the
5 payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with
Stuart Shapiro on 11/20/12.

1-16: NO CHANGE

10 17(Currently amended). A computer-implemented system for determining the cost
of and producing a user-defined content object comprising:

a computer system including a processor configured to:

15 ~~means for defining-~~ define said content object in accordance with user selection
and arrangement of a plurality of content entities for said content object, wherein the content
object is a digital object within the computer system in the form of one of a book, a collection of
images, an album, a video and a multimedia object, and the content entities each include content
comprising digital data, are stored within a data repository as a plurality of individually
accessible file objects, and are selectively associated with an actual content count representing
20 the quantity of content within that content entity; and

~~means for generating-~~ generate a price for the user to produce the user-defined
content object, wherein said price is one of an actual price and an estimated price selected based
on a parameter setting and said ~~means for~~ generating a price includes:

means for generating an estimated content count for the selected content entities that represents an estimated quantity of content within the content object, wherein the digital data within the selected content entities are utilized to determine the estimated content count representing the estimated quantity of content within the content object, and means for generating from the estimated content count the estimated price to serve as the price for the user to produce the user-defined content object with the selected content entities in response to said parameter setting indicating the estimated price, wherein the estimated price is determined based on a price per unit of content, and wherein the unit of content represents a predetermined quantity of content and the estimated content count indicates an estimated quantity of said units of content for the selected content entities; and

means for generating the actual price to serve as the price for the user to produce the user-defined content object from the actual content counts of the selected content entities in response to said parameter setting indicating the actual price.

15 18(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 17, wherein the means for generating an estimated content count further comprises means for determining a content count for each selected content entity, and means for summing the entity content counts to obtain a content count for the content object.

20 19(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 18, wherein the means for determining an estimated content count for entities containing characters further comprises means for determining a character count for the entity.

20(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 19, wherein the ~~means for~~ determining an estimated content count further comprises ~~means for~~ determining a page count from the character count.

5 21(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 19, wherein the ~~means for~~ determining a character count further comprises at least one of a) ~~means for~~ counting the number of content characters in the content entity; and b) ~~means for~~ determining the content entity type, and ~~means for~~ determining an average character count for content entities of that type.

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22(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 20, wherein the ~~means for~~ generating a content object price further comprises ~~means for~~ multiplying the page count with a predetermined price per page value.

15 23(Currently amended). The computer-implemented system of claim 17, wherein the content object further comprises user-provided content, and wherein the ~~means for~~ generating a price for the content object further comprises ~~means for~~ separately determining a price for user-provided content and ~~means for~~ generating the selected estimated or actual price by summing the user-provided content price with the price determined for the remaining selected
20 content entities of the content object.

24(Previously presented). The computer-implemented system of claim 23, wherein the price for user-provided content is determined in a first manner if the content count of the user-provided content exceeds a predefined content count maximum, and is determined in a second manner if the content count does not exceed the predefined maximum.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ADAM M. QUELER whose telephone number is (571)272-4140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cesar Paula can be reached on (571) 272-4128. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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